

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

)

v. )

Case no. 2:21-cr-237-MHH-GMB

)

RICHARD POPE )

**SENTENCING MEMORANDUM**

Richard Pope, through counsel, requests that the Court accept his agreement with the government stipulating to a custodial sentence of 54 months.

Mr. Pope recognizes the gravity of conduct. He is remorseful about the pain he has caused his family, community, and most of all the victim. He has led an otherwise law-abiding life, which is reflected by his criminal history score of zero. Mr. Pope is amenable to any necessary mental health treatment to reduce the risk to recidivate. He has a loving and supportive family, as can be seen by the letters provided to the Court.

A custodial sentence of 54 months would be sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to accomplish the stated purposes of sentencing set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on September 23, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing via this Court's CM/ECF system, which will send notice of such filing to all counsel of record.

Respectfully submitted.

**/s/ Jake Watson**  
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